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***Martial Arts Center of Excellence***  
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*“I don’t believe in just ordering people to do things. You have to sort of grab an oar and row with them.”*

Harold Geneen

Instructor Trainers and Instructors,

Let me begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Years. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is anxiously tackling the New Year in one piece.

This is the first Newsletter of 2004. It won’t be a lengthy read, but I need to get an order of business out to all ASAP. **As a reminder**-Hate to be redundant, but, if you know of an IT not receiving these please have them contact anyone at the MACE, or go to the web page (see footnote) where it will be posted. These Newsletters are designed to keep all the IT’s and I’s up to date with changes and in contact with the MACE.

The MACE is finalizing the DVD’s for all 5-belt levels. They will be shipped out the last week in January along with the latest version of MCRP. Once you get these DVD’s please make sure all the techniques are being taught, sustained to the standards represented in the product. **No other modifications or alterations of the 172 techniques are authorized in MCMAP.** MCMAP will now have a “controlled” one source document for all IT’s and I’s to follow. To help the MACE package these products and send them your way, we need to have a current official mailing address for your command and **your** official EMAIL address. Please send Major Justin Wilson at: [wilsonju@tecom.usmc.mil](mailto:wilsonju@tecom.usmc.mil) your commands address and include in that email the names of all your IT’s and I’s so we can send the appropriate copies. The MACE will not send any copies without an official command address and email address from you. Copies will also not be sent to any Marine not in the MCTF system. IT’s will receive a copy of all 5 belt level. I’s will only receive copies of Tan through Green. These DVD’s are not to take the place of actually going out and conducting the training/sustainment. They are designed for IT’s and I’s to refer back to when in question about how a technique is to be taught/sustained. They are controlled items and reproduction of them is strictly forbidden.

I would like to personally welcome aboard Major Justin Wilson to the MACE. He will replace Major John Bourgault as the Deputy. Major Bourgault will retire this spring after serving his country and corps faithfully for twenty years. He has been a plank holder of MCMAP from day one and has added immensely to this great program. Wish him well as he heads to CivDiv and does great things. If you need to contact the MACE on anything, please use the new deputy or MGySgt Sanders. If you are interested in becoming a member of the MACE please contact MGySgt Sanders for information.

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A draft of the revised MCO 1500.54a is being routed up the chain of command for approval. The MACE is hoping that process goes smoothly so copies can be distributed to all concerned when signed. I would like to thank all those who had a part in revising that important document. It's going to be a great piece of gear for all concerned.

The MACE is still holding off advancing all IT's until the black belt syllabus/criteria is finalized. Please be patient. Also, remember, to be a designated a MAIT, a Marine **MUST** meet the prerequisites for Black Belt 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and successfully complete the MAIT course. IT's are not authorized to advance Marines to IT status. MAIT courses are only available through the MACE, or through a unit funded MACE MTT.

No technique changes/proposals have been sent to the MACE for the upcoming Course Content Review Board (CCRB). Once again, the CCRB is scheduled for 2-4 March. The focus of the CCRB will be on reviewing all techniques from Tan to Black belt 1<sup>st</sup> degree. If you have a recommendation to add, delete, and or modify an existing technique, now is your chance to make it known by sending the MACE your proposal. MGySgt Sanders is the POC. Every proposal must arrive at the MACE in the following format or it will not be considered:

1. Name of the technique
2. Purpose of technique
3. Principles of the technique
4. Safeties, if different than the standards
5. The Technique with photos

The MACE building is still underway. The foundation/concrete slab has been poured and the walls are going up. The MACE has sent recommendations for the naming of the building up the chain of command. The three recommendations were as follows: Raider Hall, Walker Hall, and Veterans Hall. The contractors are still planning to deliver the building to the USMC in May/June of '04.

Couple last thoughts: Remember, once a Marine has finished his/her MCMAP training and is awarded a belt, please make sure within 10 days the Marine is added to MCTFS. The MACE has started receiving notifications of injuries-thanks to all those who are reporting them to the MACE. Please continue to take a minute to notify the MACE on all MCMAP related injuries. Finally, if you were down range participating in OIF and have any lessons learned IRT martial arts, please submit them to the MACE so we can get them out to all Marines. Thank you in advance.

Semper Fi Marines, Train hard but Train safe!

*Joseph Shusko  
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Director, MCMAP*

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